



## MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

Prepared By:

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## COURSE TITLE

Homeland Security Law and Ethics

## GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Dept.: HSEM

Course Num: 250

(Formerly: )

CIP Code: 43.0301

Intent Code: 966

Program Code: 968

Credits: 3

Total Contact Hrs Per Qtr.: 33

Lecture Hrs: 33

Lab Hrs: 0

Other Hrs: 0

Distribution Designation: General Elective GE

## COURSE DESCRIPTION (as it will appear in the catalog)

This course is designed to give the student an overview of various statutes, regulations, constitutional law, and common law associated with Homeland Security. This course examines emergency response, weapons of mass destruction, local government powers, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, civil rights, international anti-terrorism efforts, Homeland Security Act of 2002, and the Patriot Act. Students will be introduced to the legalities and ethics relevant to organizing for counterterrorism, investigating terrorism and other national security threats, crisis and consequence management.

## PREREQUISITES

HSEM 102 Introduction to Emergency Management

## TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES

None

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge or skills:*

1. Develop a working understanding of key legal and policy principles related to emergency management.
2. Analyze FEMA's role in policy, law and management.
3. Examine local, state, and federal relationships regarding introduction and implementation of new laws and regulations.
4. Describe and discuss the critical role of court decisions in clarifying the practical application of legislation and executive directives.
5. Analyze privacy concerns. Ethics and constitutional protections regarding governmental information-gathering related to emergency management.
6. Discuss important statutes and policies enacted post 9-11 and their impact on emergency management.
7. Differentiate between crisis management and consequence management policy and its evolution in response to events.

## INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

None

**COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE**

- A. Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- B. FEMA's Place in Policy, Law and Management
- C. Emergency Management and the Homeland Security Act of 2002
- D. Homeland Security from a Local, State and Federal Perspective
- E. Partnerships with Homeland Security
- F. Civil Rights Issues
- G. Anti-terrorism Investigation and the Fourth Amendment
- H. National Response Plan (NRP)/National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- I. USA Patriot Act
- J. Transportation Issues and Homeland Security
- K. Weapons of Mass Destruction

**DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES** *(optional)*

PO5 should be assessed: Students will be able to solve problems by gathering, interpreting, combining and/or applying information from multiple sources.

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**DIVISION CHAIR APPROVAL**

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**DATE**